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HANBY RESCUES DROWNING BOY

Author of "Darling Nelly Gray" Saves Life of Boyhood Friend, Who has Narrow Escape.

FAMILY SINGS SONG FIRST

Home Was Underground Railroad Station and Young Hanby Early Learned to Hate Slavery.

On West Home street, at 162, stands a plain white house which was the home of Benjamin Russell Hanby, '58, the distinguished author of "Darling Nelly Gray." Here that world renowned southern song was written. The house stands unaltered except for the addition of a summer kitchen at the rear. This humble home was for a time a station on the "underground railroad" and in the family the wrongs of the slave owners were frequently discussed.

Like his father, Bishop William Hanby, the boy early believed in and argued for the cause of universal liberty in America. By word and deed he supported the anti-slavery movement. He had seen the awfulness of slavery. "Darling Nelly Gray" was written against a wrong that was real to him. The characters were not ideal; they were typical of the better slave element in the "Old Kentucky Shore." The song rendered a distinct service in the emancipation proclamation which gave the Republic "under God, a new birth of freedom."

In the little village of Rushville, that nestles among the picturesque hills of Fairfield county, Ohio. Mr. Hanby was born July 22, 1833. In many respects the childhood of young Hanby did not differ from that of his fellows in the isolated hamlet of that day.

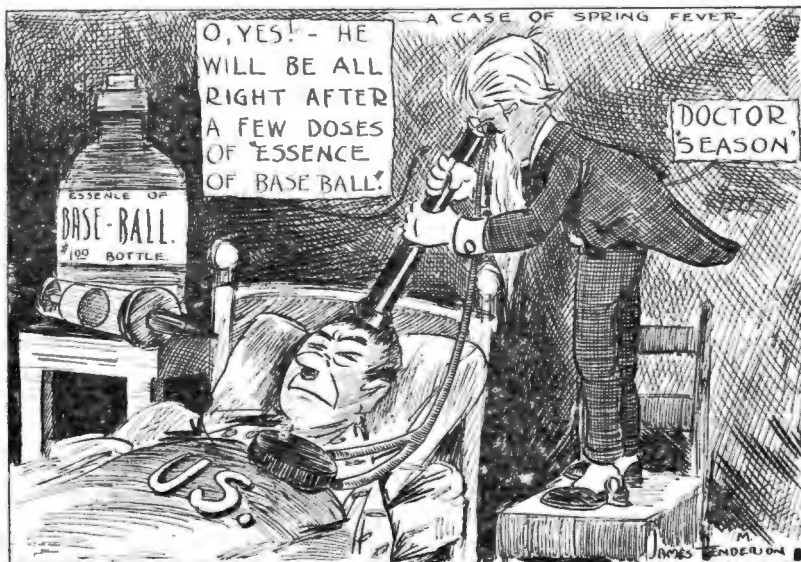
The salary of Bishop Hanby, although a power in the pulpit and held in high esteem throughout his circuit, was not sufficient to give each child a college education. Young

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Senate Bill Changes Name of University to that of College.

Senate bill, No. 155, has been passed by both house of representatives and senate to change the name of Otterbein university to Otterbein college. The bill is in Gov. Cox's hands for his signature. The governor has assured President Clippinger that he is in favor of the change.

Such a change in name was favored by the board of trustees of Otterbein two years ago, but the bill has just been steered through the legislative maze. Senator Lloyd presented the bill along with senate bill, No. 156, which gives the power to universities and colleges to reduce the size of their boards of trustees.



THE SLEEPING SPIRIT.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS GOOD

With Eight Varsity Men in School Team Should Win Majority of Nine Scheduled Games.

With the coming of the warm sunshiny days, the green grass, and the songs of the birds, the attentions of all are turned toward the coming baseball season and other spring sports. Already it has become a common occurrence to see students out in track suits or carrying a baseball glove. Without doubt all are most interested in the play on the diamond.

For the past few weeks men have been daily working in the gym straightening out the kinks in their arms and getting into shape for active field work as soon as the weather moderates a little.

There are several factors which are hanging fire to make this season one of the best that Otterbein has had for several years. This year the game will be played on a new diamond which is being made on the new athletic field. Manager R. P. Mase is at the present time planning the work on the new field. Besides this President Clippinger is working hard procuring funds to defray the expenses of a substantial backstop of iron pipe and strong wire. The endeavors of these two persons without doubt will be realized by the time the season starts.

Another factor is that of the team which is equally bright. When the nine lines up on the field there will be only two places vacant. These places are third base and right field. The former position will be the one watched with the most interest. On last year's team Weber was a bear and for a man to step in and fill his shoes is a rather hard task. The other place was left open by the graduation of Schnake. As for new

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COMMENCEMENT PLANS LAID

Trustees to Select Speaker Subject to Senior Approval—Play to be Staged.

That the commencement exercises for the class of 1917 may be enjoyable and instructive for all those who may attend is the desire of every senior. This fact was made evident by the enthusiastic way in which the members of the class discussed plans for commencement week last Friday afternoon in Professor Fritz's recitation room. Arrangements were made to secure a commencement speaker. The selection of the speaker was left in the hands of the Board of Trustees. In past years this matter was usually in the hands of the class, but this method was found to be unsatisfactory at various times. This year the Board of Trustees has consented to pay the expense of the speaker providing that body has the privilege to choose him, subject to the approval of the class. This method of procedure was unanimously accepted. Elmo Lingrel, President of the class appointed John B. Garver, H. D. Casel and C. L. Booth as a committee of three to consult with the Board in the selection of the speaker.

Wednesday evening of commencement week will occur the Senior play. Suggestions were made that the play be a modern one instead of the Shakespearean type. Whether these suggestions are to be heeded will be shown in the report of the play committee composed of A. W. Neally, J. O. Todd, E. R. Turner, Annette Brane and Grace Moog. The class has good material and whatever play is decided upon a good cast can be chosen. The committee will also report on the coach, who will have general charge of the theatrical. To retain the custom of wearing caps and gowns to chapel every Friday morn-

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FRANCIS SPEAKS ON SCHOOL WORK

Large Audience in College Chapel Hears Illustrated Lecture by Superintendent of Columbus Schools.

SPLENDID PICTURES SHOWN

Various Phases of Los Angeles Schools Shown by Greatest Educational Film in World.

"Practical, expressional activities are cultivated." So said J. H. Francis, '92, superintendent of the Columbus Public Schools in the opening remarks of his lecture on "The Schools of Los Angeles" given in the college chapel on the night of March 12th. This lecture was delivered in connection with seven reels of film showing the various activities of the public school system of Los Angeles. The film covers everything from the kindergarten to the sixth year in High School work and fully illustrates the methods used in enlarging the attendance of the Los Angeles schools from eleven hundred to fifteen thousand and with a corps of three thousand teachers.

The work starts with the kindergarten. Here fancy is given free play and the children are allowed to follow out their own ideas in the work in the sand piles and with blocks. Gardening on a small scale and other things of interest to small children are also taken up in order that the natural bent or inclination of the child may early be discovered. This phase of the work is emphasized throughout his school life so that the child may find and to some extent develop the work for which he is best fitted.

The neighborhood schools are used largely in reaching the foreign element. Here the poorest children are first cleaned up and decently clad and then taught the things most needful to them. In addition to the other

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Unusual Interest Shown in Meetings—Attendance Good.

During the past week there has been splendid interest shown in the revival meetings in progress at the United Brethren church. The services are never longer than an hour and a quarter and Rev. Burtner urges that the students set aside the hour each evening to take part in this most important work. Some of the subjects for the week are:

Excuses that Keep Men from God.
Trifling with Eternal Things.
Saving Faith.
What Christ Has to do with Our Salvation.
The Peril of Putting Christ Off.
The Theme of All Themes—The Love of God.

COMMITTEES SELECTED

Entertainment of Prospective Students in May to be Planned by Eight Committees.

With a growing enthusiasm among the students and friends of Otterbein, plans are being made for the Visitation Day program which will take place on May 4, 5 and 6. Committees have been appointed and are already at work.

The members of the committees are: Welcome and Registration, J. P. Hendrix, Rachael Cox; Otterbein Reception, Mrs. Mary Siddall; May Morning, Rachael Cox; Music, G. O. Ream; Athletic Program, Elmo Lingrel; Board and Room, President Clippinger, Reverend Burtner, Professor West; Automobile Rides, Professor West; Literary Societies and Programs, G. O. Ream, Elmo Lingrel. There is also to be appointed a committee on the Ways and Means program. Announcement in this regard will be made later.

This event will be one of the most important of the whole college year. Splendid interest is being shown both by the students and by alumni and by others who will help to make the project a success. "This is a time when real college life should find expression in all its phases and it is up to every student to boost and take advantage of this opportunity to interest his friends," said a prominent student.

FORMER COACH SUCCESSFUL

F. G. Bale, Otterbein Debate Coach for Two Years, Draws Comment from Lou J. Beauchamp.

F. G. Bale, former Otterbein student and debate coach for two years is making good on the lecture platform. Sunday afternoon March 11, Mr. Bale lectured at the Hamilton Y. M. C. A. on "The Fiddler and the Fire." In the audience was Lou J. Beauchamp, the oldest active lyceum man in the United States and honorary president of the International Lyceum Association. He sent Mr. Bale a copy of the letter which he wrote to the Coit Lyceum bureau at Cleveland, under whose direction Mr. Bale is lecturing. The letter follows: "The lecture of Fred G. Bale on the 'Fiddler and the Fire' is not only one of the most entertaining lectures I have heard in years, but it has more constructive philosophy in it than any work of the kind since the days of Beecher and Gough. It means individual and community and national betterment and heard in every city in the country would do more to advance the coming of the newer redemption, statesmanship and the proper application of the Christ gospel to a nation's needs than all the work of Congress and legislatures and pulpits of the country. It is big, vital, thrilling and necessary if we are ever to be freed from the fires that are burning out the moral and spiritual lives of our people."

Mr. Bale's lecture work has been meeting with marked success. He leaves March 20 for a two months' tour through the south and later will spend several weeks in the west.

President Selects Excellent Cabinet for Association Work.

Alice Ressler, President of the Y. W. C. A. has chosen the cabinet for the year 1917-18. Those selected have been picked with the greatest care and each one is capable of accomplishing much work. The interest for a greater association is keenly felt among the girls and the cabinet is entering on its work with enthusiasm.

With united effort the Y. W. C. A. should prosper in its work to make Christianity the dominant spirit of Otterbein's co-ed life. The various committees are headed by the following girls who make up the cabinet:

Membership—Janet Gilbert.
Religious Meetings—Jessie Wier.
Social—Gladys Lake.
Finance—Merle Black.
Social Service—Rachael Cox.
Bible and Mission Study—Lois Niebel.

Publicity—Helen Ensor.
Music—Marjory Miller.

Ream Leads Helpful Christian Endeavor Meeting last Night.

Glen O. Ream was the leader of the C. E. meeting Sunday night with the C. E. Society of the Presbyterian church as guests. Miss McCann sang very beautifully "My Loved One Rest," by Douglass Bird. The subject was: "The Curse of Cowardice." Mr. Ream used an old method to get each member to take part. Starting down a row he asked every person to say something. Some refused to take any part but they but they were very few. The subject was discussed pro and con and everyone entered into the discussion with great enthusiasm. The meeting was very helpful and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. Floyd McCombs, president of the Presbyterian Society, was called on for a few remarks at the close of the meeting and he extended an invitation to Section A to visit their society at any convenient time.

Next Sunday night the I. P. A. will have charge of the meeting and an interesting program is assured by Mr. Bradfield, the president.

Negotiations are Under Way For Easter Glee Club Trip.

From present prospects it looks as if the Otterbein Glee Club will have an excellent trip during the Easter vacation. Negotiations are under way to schedule the club at Prospect, Barberton and Akron. If these dates can be arranged Canton and Beach City are certain. At all these places Otterbein has alumni and friends who could put through a concert in grand style. Canton, Barberton and Akron alumni are especially strong, while Otterbein has loyal supporters at Prospect and Beach City. If the club can get to these towns it will be a great boost to the college as the Glee Club always has done credit to its Alma Mater.

Settle all accounts with the Review, as there will be a change in the staff in the near future.

BARKER HERE THURSDAY

Fifth Number of Lecture Course to be Filled by Doctor Charles E. Barker.

Interest is general in the next number of the Citizen's Lyceum Course to be given by Dr. Charles E. Barker on "How to Live One Hundred Years." The lecture is to be given March 22, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the college chapel. Though the number is not listed upon the course program the tickets purchased for the year's entertainments will be good for this number.


Dr. Barker, as has been announced before, was physical adviser to President W. H. Taft during his administration at Washington. He is considered an authority on the subject of health. He gives actual demonstrations of exercises for busy men and women.

Some have gotten the idea that the Redpath Lyceum bureau should be and was getting the blame for the one weak point in the program put on this year. Nothing should rid the public mind of this fallacy better than the fact that the bureau is making absolutely good by substituting with Dr. Barker. The local committee did not have the recommendation of the bureau behind Mr. Hyde.

Dr. Barker fills the fifth date upon the lecture course. The sixth and last will be by Miss MacLaren on Monday night, April 2, in imitative recitals of famous plays.

Helen Ensor Gives Interesting Talk on Life of Jane Addams.

Synonymous with the term social-service is the name of Jane Addams, the founder of the Hull House of Hull-street, Chicago. Accounts of her work as given in her own writings and frequently in the current magazines are extremely interesting to read. Helen Ensor gave a splendid talk on her life before taking up her work in Chicago and also on her life at Hull House. She has truly taken the burdens of the people upon herself and is a mother and helper to the children and parents in the poorer districts of the city. It is one thing to see the need, feel sorry and perhaps give of one's means but it is quite a different thing to be willing as Jane Addams is to take up her residence among them and really be a neighbor to them. She has furnished healthful amusements for the children and young people, has brightened the lives of neglected old folks and in fact has put sunshine into many gloomy corners. When she established Hull House in 1889 she scarcely knew because of the various needs just what would be the first step. However a kindergarten and reading circle were among the first organizations and to this beginning additions have constantly been made until now it stands as a well organized agency and its influence cannot be reckoned. Often she meets persons of good positions who reveal to her that they were members of the Hull House Club and that it was she who encouraged

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them to greater effort. We see in the life of Jane Addams a splendid type of womanhood; she is one who has found happiness by giving it to others.

Ohio State.—The authorities have begun plans for the "Women's Union" building which is provided under the Hunter Bill passed by the legislature Saturday.

ICE DAMAGES TREES

Campus Trees Present Ragged Appearance After Rain and Sleet Storm Last Tuesday Morning.

Nature took things in her own hands last Tuesday morning and did a little pruning on her own account. Her work did not meet with the approval of Otterbein students or Westerville people for the way she treated the trees was ungrateful to say the least.

Early Tuesday morning a rain fell upon a cold world and froze to the limbs of the trees until they gave way. Great and small limbs were victims of the weight. Most of the damage was done in the middle morning, when a wind set up which wrecked both shade and fruit trees of the town.

Especially on the college campus did Nature do her destructive work. In spite of the fact that most of the trees in this beautiful spot have been well trimmed and therefore are mostly of green wood, the ice and wind left them to present a ragged and forlorn appearance. The large elm on the north central walk lost one of its main limbs, which spread towards the college building and shaded many a student as he waited for class to begin. Many other trees were damaged to such an extent that it will take many years for them to regain their former stately appearance.

It's Worth While to Hang On.

It's a wonderful world when you sum it all up,

And we ought to be glad we are in it;

The fellow who drinks from old Mistry's cup,

Gets the goblet of Joy the next minute.

In a wonderful way

In the course of a day

Strange changes occur as by magic,

There are solemn and sad things

And joyful and glad things,

And things that are comic and tragic.

It's a wonderful world, full of wonderful things,

No two days alike in their passing;
Some new joy or sorrow the rising sun brings,

Some new charm the former outclassing.

And yesterday's glad

Are perhaps today's sad,

And yesterday's poor may be wealthy.

Oh, the changes are quick,

Even yesterday's sick

May today or tomorrow be healthy.

It's a wonderful world, for we never can tell

What for us has the morrow in store;

Things will happen, as though by some magic spell,

That never have happened before.

And nobody knows

Or can ever disclose

What the joy of the future may be;

But of one thing I'm sure,

Despite all we endure,

It will be worth while to hang on and see.

—E. A. G.

Choosing a Career is Discussed
by Richard Bradfield.

At Y. M. C. A. last Thursday evening Richard Bradfield, one of our students talked on the important subject of choosing a career. All the students who heard his talk, especially those who have not chosen their career were very deeply impressed and received much to think over. In his talk he brought out the fact that 85% of the men in New York City are misfits and all over the country this same condition prevails. The lack of a definite aim in life is too prevalent all over our country and owing to this condition a large percent of the men simply stumble into an occupation.

The first step in choosing a career is to take an inventory of ourselves—find out the occupation in which we can put our whole energy—some work in which we will be able to use all of our talents. We must choose our own career, for we alone can tell what appeals to us.

The second step is to examine the vocations. President Garfield said that no young men should enter into any field work that did not offer unlimited opportunities. We must choose a vocation that will build our characters—one that will make us millionaires in character and that will give us an opportunity to aid humanity. The best way for us to study any field of work is to study the men in the field. The supreme test of a career is whether the career is worth all that is in you.

BRADFORD TRIMS ACKERSON

Championship Game of Club Series
Won by Park Street Boards
with Neat Score.

Last Monday evening on the gym floor the Bradford club defeated the Ackerson club by a score of 39 to 21. This game marked the end of the boarding club series and awarded the Park street boards the championship honors. This game was exceedingly fast and showed some real basketball. The Bradford team was the first to score and continued in the lead throughout the entire contest. Only near the end of the first half did the State street quintet seem dangerous. At this time they threatened to take the lead but were stopped before reaching that point. The Bradford boys showed the best team work and passing ability.

Of those who played the best were Walters and Ream. The former was the high point getter having caged the ball 10 times besides throwing five fouls. The latter was easily the star for his team and no doubt the best floor man in the game. Several times he took the ball from one end of the floor to the other, passing several of his opponents at will. Ream was also high scorer for his team. The lineup was as follows:

Bradford (39)		Ackerson (21)	
Walters (c)	L. F.	Francis	
Haller	R. F.	Ream (c)	
Replogle	C.	Mase	
Sherrick	L. G.	Schear	
Myers	R. G.	Evans	

Field goals—Walters 10, Ream 4, Haller 3, Replogle 3, Francis 3, Myers and Evans.

Fouls—Walters 5, Ream 5.

Referee—Martin.

Time—Siddall.

Time of halves—20 minutes.

City Manager Makes Report.

City Manager R. S. Blinn is distributing copies of his first annual report, as required by law. The report is in booklet form and contains reports of all departments of the municipality, statements of all receipts and expenditures and council proceedings. It shows that over half of the town's share of the taxes goes to pay interest and amortize bonded indebtedness. Mr. Blinn was formerly an Otterbein student.

You sing a little song or two,
And you have a chat;
Make a bit of candy fudge,
And then you get your hat;
You hold her hands and say,
"Goodnight" as sweetly as you can.
Isn't that a — of an evening,
For a great big healthy man?
Depends on the "Her" we would say.
—Ex.

CLUB TALK

To the Editor:

We are now existing under a truly representative form of government in Otterbein. The committee which we recently elected to be the link between the faculty and student body has succeeded in bringing the will of the students before the faculty, in a measure at least, and a somewhat better understanding between these bodies is the result. The ruling in regard to class cutting has been modified and now the number of unquestioned cuts is proportional to the number of times that the class recites per week. Certainly that is nearer the ideal way of treating such a subject. But still we find some that are dissatisfied with the plan and of course they are complaining that the committee has not been a success. Perhaps the committee has not been able to get all the desires of the students recognized by the faculty but such a thing is hardly to be expected. At the best we cannot hope for a complete remedying of all our so-called wrongs. Should the faculty attempt to humor every whim of each student in regard to the administration of this college the institution would not last very long.

But there is another view point to the situation. There are those among the faculty members who are just as conservative upon the subject as some of the students are radical. One professor was heard to remark recently that the professors might as well move out now since the students were going to run the school. That was certainly not a fair attitude for this professor to assume. It would seem that there should be some common ground upon which the faculty and student body could meet to work out the questions of importance to each and this new committee appears to be

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EDITORIALS

This earth would be changed into a paradise if, instead of hating, human beings loved; if, instead of speaking evil of one another, they spoke only good; if, instead of grasping and holding, they gave away.

—James Stalker.

A Suggestion.

Otterbein has a site for one of the most beautiful athletic fields in the state, but thus far little has been done to improve and beautify it.

The north end especially is bare and uninviting. It has been suggested by several students that trees be planted along the north end and elsewhere on the ground, where they would add greatly to the appearance of this important part of our campus.

Although it is impossible for us at present to go to the necessary expense of erecting a wall and making more elaborate improvements, little outlay would be involved in planting trees or a hedge about the field so that it would look a little more inviting. This improvement is one which could be taken in hand by the present student body and would remain a lasting memorial to those who would take part in the work. What more fitting observance of Arbor Day could be proposed than to assemble the student body on the athletic field and plant a sufficient number of trees and shrubbery to put this ground on a par with the rest of our campus?

A Common Custom.

It has become a common custom lately to call the abode of Otterbein's co-eds the "Dorm." Did you ever stop to think that it would be far better to say Cochran Hall when speaking of the home of our fair

ones than to use the word "Dorm?"

Through the generosity of Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran, the hall was donated to Otterbein. It was given in order that our girls might have a pleasant home in which to spend their college days. In her honor the hall was named. Every time we say "Dorm" we fail to pay due respect to her who gave it.

Moreover this custom takes away a lot of the dignity which rightfully belongs to the place. The definition of a dormitory is "any large apartment capable of holding several beds." Surely Cochran Hall is more than that and it's a raw deal to call it such. Then why not designate it rightly?

No crime or offense is committed by using the word "Dorm" but it is just as easy to say Cochran Hall. It pays more respect to her who gave the girls a home and is much more dignified.

Cutting Classes.

Cutting a class doesn't do any particular harm to the professor and may not ruin the class standing of the cutter. But cutting is many times inefficient for it represents poor utilization of a student's time. When a class is cut an hour is gained which is devoted to something else. Very few times does the return for that hour equal what would have been gained in class. Maybe the cutter intends to make up the work, but not in one case out of ten can a person make up in one hour outside of class, the work which he missed in the class room. More time is burned up by cutting than by attending class.

The College Loafer.

One of the most common of college pests is the loafer. He never has anything to do and usually spends his time running about the town keeping other folks from their work. He carries with him a goodly supply of gossip adaptable to any circumstance and also is capable of an effusion of hot air which makes his unwilling host exceedingly uncomfortable. He has the peculiar trait of making himself at home wherever he is and is the self-appointed bosom friend to all of his victims. His tobacco pouch is always empty and he makes himself comfortable in your apartments so long as yours is full. He generally occupies your favorite armchair or perhaps you have the presence of mind to drop into it as he walks in the door without knocking and he takes the second best seat and elevates his feet on the table where his wet shoes ruin a lately finished manuscript. If you are interested in a book and pay no attention to him he is abashed and takes a seat, drumming on the chair until your mind is so muddled that you can find relief in his conversation. His hours are any time you are busy. There are remedies for this pest but none of them may be called "gentlemanly." Let us hearken to the sage of old when he said, "Let not the makings of a gentleman blot out your art of self-preservation."—An Essay by Olaf.

IT STRIKES US

That it's high time to complete class banquet dates.

That the man who is satisfied with himself will rarely find others who are.

That the Revival Services are very timely and should receive our united support.

That truth is crushed to earth when gossips meet.

That the Welfare Committee's first work satisfied the majority of the students.

That the weather man will have to get a hustle on if he is to usher spring in tomorrow.

Opportunity.

Master of human destinies am I
Fame, love, and fortune on my footsteps wait.

Cities and field I walk; I penetrate
Deserts and seas remote, and passing by

Hovel and mart and palace—soon or late

I knock unbidden once at every gate!
If sleeping, wake—if feasting, rise before

I turn away. It is the hour of fate,
And they who follow me reach every state

Mortals desire, and conquer every foe
Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate.

Condemned to failure, penury, and woe,

Seek me in vain and uselessly implore.
I answer not, and I return no more!

—J. Ingalls.



I have noticed that some of our girls are getting into the habit of playing vampire. They aren't really bad vampires like those I have seen about in the picture show but are just amateur, christian vampires. The other night at the supper table I heard a couple of them talking about the fellows they had on the string and one compared them to puppets on the stage of Fate. Now when I hear girls using horrible terms like that I feel as though I should investigate. So I visited the rooms of a couple of the "victims" and there I found that it was all a mistake. The boys seemed to be taking care of themselves all right and were having lots of fun with what they called the vampire-ettes. But even if there is no harm done it seems foolish for girls to sit in the light of a lamp covered with blue tissue paper consulting Fortune with a greasy pack of playing cards, and occasionally picking up a little photograph and looking very, very intensely at it just as the villainess does in the story book. But this is only a gentle observation on the subject.

This cold weather is certainly inconvenient. It keeps me at home so much, but I should worry so long as the cats are good.



Deer Children:

I jest got in frum gatherin sap frum the mappel trees an as its gittin uncommon cold out I gess I mite as wel sit down an rite tew you. Wel I see by the papper as you got all your differences stratened up with the teachers. Frum reedin over the new laws I take it as they air purty fare an they attent tew be no kickin bout the way things is run provided them there laws is stuck tew. They aint no sense in the teachers an pupils fitin all the time anyhow. If you all stick together an fite rite fer doin bigger things fitin is all rite but they aint no gain in fitein mongst yerselves. So Im mitey glad evvery thing an evverybodys goin long good an sivil like agin. Im gettin kinder glad as I sent you kids down tew Otterbine that is Im gitten gladder and gladder all the time. They wuz a feller round hear tew visit Mister Job Dasher the other day an he sure did blow up Otterbine bout rite. He jest used a hole dixinetry full uv wurdz tellin how swell a skule it wuz an how purty it was an all. Wel I let him spout fer it wuzent no more use fer tew try an stop him frum speelin an it wood be fer tew try tew stop Cain Run frum swellin in flood time. Then I sez tew him sez I, Mister I take it yer frum Otterbine gittin students. Wel they aint no use fer tew talk tew me fer both uv my kids is goin their. Then he looked peculiar like an sez tew me, No I aint frum Otterbine er I aint frum tew git no students fer their. Im frum the east an all I regret is that we haint got a littul uv that gud spirit in our skules as theyve got down there. You see he wuz down tew Otterbine in Foot Ball Seesin an saw the skule at its best. Now youve been tellin me things aint like they ust tew be so Im advisin you tew git bussy an stir up sum uv that pep this spring which seems tew have been sleepin way back in its hole like a grownd hog all winter an you wanta fix things up so they aint no chanst uv this here speerit animal seein its shadow an goin back fer no six weeks nether fer what you all want tew git is the spirit rite now. So git the babtization an well heer uv bigger things happenin down there. Its tew bad fer the skule yard tew have been all tore up by the wind an ice but when I was down tew the institut yuo rekollect as I sed sum uv them there trees wuz gittin a littul old and shakely.

Well maw jest sez supper an I reckon I'll have tew lissen tew the call uv duty as old Captin Heskins ust tew say. Luv.

Timothy Sickel

HANBY RESCUES DROWNING BOY

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Benjamin, like many a youth of his time, went cheerfully and resolutely to work "to earn his way" with a baccalaureate degree and the ministry as his goal.

At the age of sixteen he entered Otterbein and soon received a certificate to teach. This helped him to earn his way through college and placed responsibility on him which he shouldered creditably. He taught his first school at Clear Creek, in his home county, and before the close of his first term united with the church.

Shortly after Benjamin came to Otterbein, the father decided to move to Westerville. After many farewells the family moved here and lived in the white house which then stood where the college church is now.

Here the natural gifts and winning personality of "Ben" as he was familiarly called, made him a leader among the students. True he did not have the advantages of physical culture enjoyed by the college boy today. His gymnasium was the wood pile; his natatorium was Alum Creek; his stadium was chosen at will in the wide valley of meadow and woodland that stretched away on either side. In spite of the absence of trapeze and arena, he excelled in athletics, was fleet of foot, accurate of eye, a lithe, agile wrestler and an expert swimmer. On one occasion a student got beyond his depth in the stream and with a gurgling shriek sank from sight.

"Hanby, Hanby" shouted the frightened companions. Hanby rushed to the water's edge, dived in, caught, raised and rescued the drowning boy.

The song had its origin in the composer's sympathy for the slaves of the South. The immediate inspiration, if such it had, is not definitely known. One story that has gained considerable currency is to the effect that while reading a copy of the "Cincinnati Gazette" on a trip to Cincinnati, his attention was drawn to a slave sale in Kentucky. Nelly Gray, a beautiful mulatto girl, was among the list of slaves sold. She was to be taken to Georgia, far away from home, early scenes, kindred and her lover. This incident created an impression upon the mind of Mr. Hanby and suggested the theme for the song. He made a sketch of this familiar air on the train and when he returned home that same night in the little white house, completed "Darling Nelly Gray."

This much seems very probable. A number of young friends including the cousin of the author, Miss Melissa A. Haynie, and the music teacher, Miss Cornelius Walker, were invited to the Hanby home, where as usual on such occasions, singing was the feature of the evening's meeting. Mrs. Cornelia (Walker) Comings of Girard, Kansas, distinctly recalls the evening and we give in her own words the statement regarding this initial singing of the song.

She says, "I well remember the first time I heard it. We were at a simple

gathering at Rev. Mr. Hanby's one evening. We always had music at such times. At last I was called upon to listen to a song by the Hanby family. I admired it very much, and then "Ben" told me it was intended for me."

Mrs. Comings meant to say that it was dictated to her. She urged the young author to send it to a publisher, which he did. This happened early in the year, 1856 when Mr. Hanby was a sophomore.

His response came from the publisher. He gave no further thought to it. He had written it with no thought of publication and was not disappointed. He and his family were genuinely surprised some months later on learning that it had been published and already was on the road to popularity.

"Darling Nelly Gray" was copyrighted and issued by one of the largest musical publishing houses in America. The author purchased his first copy from a dealer in Columbus, O. He wrote to the publisher and asked why he had not been notified of the acceptance of the manuscript. The reply was to the effect that his address had been lost. One dozen copies of the song were sent to the composer and that was all the compensation he ever received. In reply to a quest for the usual royalty, Hanby received the following:

Dear Sir—"Your favor received, "Nelly Gray" is sung on both sides of the Atlantic. We have made the money and you the fame—that balances the account."

Of the many songs that were written to advance the anti-slavery cause, "Darling Nelly Gray," by Ben Hanby, here in Westerville in the old white house, alone retains a measure of its old time popularity. The melody and the words survive because of their intrinsic beauty, and if the words of the poet are true, the song shall live on, for "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

COMMENCEMENT PLANS LAID

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ing after the Easter vacation was the unanimous decision of the class. This means that the Seniors will put on their customary dignity the morning of April 13.

Ohio Wesleyan.—During the spring recess eight gospel teams composed of thirty-one students in all, will take charge of the pulpits in many Buckeye towns.

Wooster.—Last Monday evening the girls held a pep meeting on the steps of Taylor Hall to arouse enthusiasm for the girls' athletics. We need the physical development and want to show our spirit," the girls said.

Oberlin.—As a result of the senior class activity toward relief from the rush of commencement the faculty voted to excuse from the finals in June all seniors who obtained a grade of B or above.

Easter is soon here. Let us measure you for your Easter suit. E. J. Norris.—Adv.



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FRANCIS SPEAKS ON SCHOOL WORK

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things the children are all taught how to mend and keep their clothes in good condition. The boys are taught cobbling by an experienced cobbler and keep the shoes in the neighborhood in good condition at cost. Here also is the "Penny Lunch." If the child has the penny he pays for his lunch; if he has none he gets it anyway. The mothers also attend these schools and are taught the rudiments of the English language.

The three R's are not by any means neglected and mental gymnastics afford interesting ways for getting them. Music also plays an important part and the children strive eagerly to get into the school orchestra. At the present time the members of the combined orchestras of the various schools number about twelve hundred.

Neither is the body of the child neglected. His physical well-being is well taken care of by gymnastics, calisthenics and also by the various outdoor activities. Probably the most interesting of outdoor activities are the occasional trips taken by the children, hundreds of them at a time, to the seashore. Here under the able direction of Dr. Edwards they learn of the various forms of sea life and of numerous other interesting things to be found there.

As the student grows older, more advanced phases of the different arts and crafts are taken up. Excellent and sometimes very elaborate furniture is the product of the manual training schools. Wicker work is the outgrowth of the earlier reed work. Blacksmithing, as well as metal molding in the foundaries, is now practiced. Practical surveying is now done. The boys get real experience in horticulture and agriculture, caring for their implements and animals and constructing their own farm buildings as well as doing the actual farm work. The boys also study architecture and have become very proficient in designing dwelling houses and even such public buildings as school houses. The girls are instructed in pottery making which may lead into ceramics. They also study the arts of dressmaking and millinery and do much creditable work.

Night schools are also conducted by the city. Here night after night hundreds of the young people of the city get an education which they would otherwise have to do without. Here also the foreigners receive instruction in the English Language. A diploma of the work which they have done here is accepted by the Naturalization Board in lieu of a mental examination.

Music was furnished by the College Orchestra. Miss Verda Miles also sang several very pleasing solos.

Ramey H. Huber is receiving much of the credit for the success of the lecture, which was staged for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Francis, whose loyalty to Otterbein is unwavering, gave the lecture free

BASEBALL PROSPECTS GOOD

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men to fill in scarcely anything can be said since it is necessary to see them in action before passing judgment. Of those that might be mentioned as prospects are Palmer, Cook, Fox, "Red" Miller, "Jake" Miller, and "Herb" Meyers. Perry registers as a pitcher. In fact the mound position is the only ticklish one. Wood, the left hander, will be in uniform and Mundhenk hopes to keep up the good work started last year if his shoulder which he injured in football comes out alright. As yet it is a pretty "rusty" piece of machinery.

The schedule is the one big thing that interests the fans and they should certainly rejoice as there will be five home games. Ohio State opens the home season April 21. Ohio and Wooster will be seen on the home field the first time for many years, while Capital and Antioch will complete the five home games. Ohio Wesleyan, Muskingum, Denison and Capital are the out-of-town games. The Alumnae are expected to close the season but no definite arrangements have been made. The following is the list of games:

April 14—Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware.

April 21—Ohio State.

April 28—Muskingum at New Concord.

May 4—Ohio University.

May 11—Wooster.

May 12—Capital at Columbus.

May 19—Open.

May 26—Antioch.

June 2—Denison at Granville.

June 9—Capital.

June 12—Alumnae.

CALENDAR.

Evangelistic meetings every evening at 7:00 except Monday.

Monday.

Choral practice at 6:00.

College orchestra practice at 7:00.

Volunteer Band at 8:00.

Meeting Philomathean Board of Trustees at 8:00.

Tuesday.

Y. W. C. A. at 6:00.

Glee Club at 6:00.

Wednesday.

Athletic Board at 6:00.

Thursday.

Y. M. C. A. at 6:00. J. O. Todd, leader. Subject, "A Man's Job."

Ladies Literary Societies at 6:15.

Glee Club at 7:00.

Lecture in chapel by Charles Barker. Subject, "How to Live One Hundred Years."

Friday.

Philomathean at 6:30.

Philophronean at 6:15.

Saturday.

Evangelistic meetings in College church at 7:00.

Sunday.

Sunday school at 9:00.

Morning Service at 10:15.

Christian Endeavor at 6:00.

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LOCALS.

Herbert Myers, of Dayton, who left school at the end of the first semester, visited friends over the week-end.

Home Girl—"Is Otterbein in Columbus?"

The Returned (truthfully reflective)—"Yes a great part of the time."

R. M. Bradfield spends a couple days at his home at Lilly Chapel.

Joe Hendrix, Lyman Hert and "Red" Arnold accompanied Al Elliot to his home at Galloway Friday night. They returned Sunday.

President Clippinger occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday night.

The Junior hobby—"The Sibyl goes to press this week."

Neally—"I've lost a lot of money during this half way spring weather."

Evans—"How's that?"

Neally—"Gambling on the green."

H. C. Spitler spent a couple of days at home at Brookville.

"The Bohemian Girl" is the title of the production which the Choral Society is now practicing on to give in June. Everybody out for practice!

A college paper is a great invention;

The college gets lots of fame;

But the printer gets all the money

And the staff gets all the blame.

Freshman—"The wages of sin is death."

Soph, looking up from a pony—"It's a wonder to me that you are still alive."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Siddall entertained Mr. and Mrs. Estel Short of Toledo, Saturday evening. Mrs. Short is a cousin of Mrs. Siddall.

R. P. Ernsberger gave the high school physics class an electrical demonstration Wednesday afternoon in the high school laboratory. He showed them how the incandescent lamp operates, how electricity is being used for cooking as well as light and power, and many interesting experiments. Two of the features of the demonstration was toasting of bread on an electric toaster and making coffee in an electrical percolator.

R. H. Huber spent Sunday as usual at the home of J. H. Francis, Columbus. His mother, Mrs. J. G. Huber was also visiting at the Francis home.

The editor did not attend the Follies last week. No seats could be secured.

A man and his wife are often considered one, but they frequently have big arguments about which one of them it is.—Ex.

The Winter Garden was well patronized by the students last week.

"Ted" Ross has returned from serving on a coroner's jury at Cincinnati.

A. C. Siddal Jr., spent the week-end at his home, Dayton.

Russell Gilbert was called to his home at Greenville, the latter part of this week. He returned Sunday.

Horrid Bore—"I rise by an alarm clock."

Pretty Girl—"I retire by one. There it goes now."—Judge.

COCHRAN NOTES.

Mary Alice was hostess at a push given Tuesday night in honor of Vera's birthday. Those who enjoyed the cats were Topsy, Red, Fatty, Giggles, Mac, Shorty, and Curley. "Marshmallows at the Variety Shop—too soft."

Mary Stoler is visiting her sister Martha.

Several girls went to Columbus Tuesday night to hear the wonderful concert given by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Miss Verda Miles was a guest at the Hall Monday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. Noble and Louise were guests at the Hall Monday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. Noble and Louise were guests at dinner, Wednesday.

Miss Frye of Gambier and Miss Paul were guests at the Hall Thursday, as usual.

Florence Loar and others thoroughly enjoyed the push Saturday night, given by Florence, from her box from home.

Over the week-end, Elizabeth McCabe visited friends in Columbus; Virginia Burtner, Cleo Coppock, Betty Henderson, Esther Van Gundy, and Agnes Wright went to their homes.

Sunday dinner guests were Miss Hanawalt, Miss Bradford, Miss Alta and Audrey Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peden, and Mr. Senger.

Lelia McDermott is visiting her sister Helen for a few days.

The parlors were the scene of a party Saturday night, with Mary Alice Myers and Grace Barr as hostesses. Besides the hostesses, those enjoying the occasion were Florence Loar, Gladys Howard, Gladys Swigart, Josephine Foor, Mary Tintman, Grace Moog, Helen McDermott, Vera Stair and Messrs. Seneff, Henderson, Francis, Fox, Wood, Hall, Walters, Mase, Ward and Snorf.

The Executive Board has been unusually busy the past week. We hope this will not have to occur often.

We would like to believe that Grace Barr speaks the truth, but when she tells us that her folks have three plum trees which one year produced enough fruit to make over ten gallons of apple butter, we hesitate.

ALUMNALS.

'16. R. J. Senger was a week end visitor in Westerville. Mr. Senger is teacher of English and History at West Carrollton and reports a fine year.

'16. Don R. Weber dropped into town for a few days last week. "Jew" is a busy man these days, being superintendent of his father's auto factory where he is making good.

'98. Senator E. G. Lloyd headed a delegation of the finance committee of the Ohio senate, of which committee he is chairman, on a visit of several days beginning Sunday through the state institutions at Toledo, Bowling Green, Lima and Delaware. The tour was in the interests of the

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appropriation bill of which the committee has charge and they were making a personal investigation before passing on it.

'14. Hon. A. L. Keister made a fine record in the sixty-third and sixty-fourth Congresses. He was a member of the House committee on banking, and had a distinct influence in shaping bills, especially Federal farm loan legislation. In this he was interested greatly, having no superior in Congress in equipment for such work. Collier's Weekly has been keeping close tab on Congress for the benefit of its readers, and paid Mr. Keister as high a compliment in devotion to duty as any paper could pay. His retirement to private life is a distinct loss

to our law-making body. Of course, Mr. Keister voted right on temperance measures. He is a prominent member of our church in Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

'15. C. R. Bennett and C. E. Gifford of Ohio State are on a two-weeks' inspection tour of the middle west, as part of their graduate work at that school.

'12. A. D. Cook, a senior in Western Reserve Medical college, writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cook, that he was successful in passing the examination, Feb. 20, as interne in the City hospital, Cleveland, and will begin his duties soon.

Easter Candies and Novelties. The Variety Shop.—Adv.

LOCALS.

Bert Eisenhard, employed at present at Hance's foundry, has been selected to succeed John Harris as janitor of the main building. He will begin his duties April 1, when Harris leaves for Steubenville to take the position as superintendent of the Y. M. C. A. building there. Mr. Eisenhard has been highly recommended.

Flashlights and Batteries. The Variety Shop.—Adv.

Since the new machine has been installed at "Willies" the students have been spending their pennies for peanuts instead of postage stamps.

Mrs. A. P. Rosselot and Mrs. A. R. Spessard returned Wednesday from Grant hospital, where they have been confined for several weeks. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the Professors.

Silk shirts \$3.50 and \$4.50. Worth \$1.00 more now. E. J. Norris.—Adv.

Fred W. Merrill, cattle expert of Chicago, lectured in the college chapel Friday in the interests of the dairying industry. The lecture was well attended by farmers and townspeople. This industry is rapidly becoming of much importance in this community.

Mrs. John G. Huber of Dayton and Mrs. J. H. Francis of Columbus attended the lecture given by Supt. J. H. Francis in the college chapel Tuesday night.

Envelope Purses, 25c to \$1.00. The Variety Shop.—Adv.

Sylvan Miller, who is attending Wittenberg College, visited with his cousin, Jacob Miller, over the weekend.

"Dutch" Myers, Sylvan Miller and Jake Miller attended the Follies at the Hartman Saturday afternoon. "Dutch" was well equipped with opera glasses.

Mildred Mount has recovered from an attack of la grippe and is able now to resume her studies.

Those in charge of the revival services were surprisingly gratified at the large number of young men who took part in the singing Thursday night. It speaks well for the students of Otterbein.

New line of Jewelry. The Variety Shop.—Adv.

The girls should take advantage of the opportunity of debating with the girls of Denison sometime in April or May. The question as announced is "Resolved that the Literary test of the Burnett bill recently passed by Congress was a wise act." The try-outs will be held about March 23 or 24.

S. P. Weaver is now occupying the pulpit at Pinkerington formerly occupied by V. L. Phillips.

Phoenix Silk Hose for men and women. E. J. Norris.—Adv.

R. W. Schear was elected assistant basketball manager for the year, 1917, at the regular meeting of the athletic board held last Wednesday evening. Basketball Manager T. H. Ross reported the men who were eligible for the varsity "O" and the election of Thomas B. Brown as captain of next

year's quintet. The "O" men were G. H. Sechrist, E. R. Turner, T. B. Brown, R. P. Peden, W. C. Miller and C. L. Fox. The report was accepted and Brown's election was ratified.

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Of course you have all seen "Billy" Comfort's sweater and made some remark about it, but the climax was reached when Dr. Sherrick said—"You didn't buy that in the United States did you?" Ouch!

Miss Mary Stage of Circleville, visited with her uncle, G. S. Dresbach Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Keller, parents of Helen Keller, returned Wednesday from Lakeland, Fla., where they spent the winter months.

Ladies Hand Bags, 50c to \$1.00. The Variety Shop.—Adv.

Rev. E. E. Burtner led chapel Tuesday morning and urged the students to support the revival.

Prof. Wagoner having noticed that the light wires were down Tuesday morning, made the following remarks to his first year Latin class: "It won't hurt you to step on the wires if you have rubber soled shoes or overshoes on, or if you go home and jump on a feather bed, that won't hurt you either."

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